

## House Resolution No. 553

**Whereas**, Gerald Elementary School in Gerald, Missouri, will commemorate its Fiftieth Anniversary on March 17, 2002, with a special celebration and Open House to be hosted by the Gerald Elementary P.T.O.; and

**Whereas**, on January 12, 1950, the Gerald School Board voted to transfer funds from the Gerald Public School District to the new Reorganized Consolidated District of R-9 of Franklin County, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, during a special School Board meeting held May 18, 1950, Mr. Edwin Idel made a motion to accept the adoption of a resolution that allowed for a special election to be held June 20, 1950, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the School District for the proposition of authorizing the issuance of the School District in the amount of \$91,000, for the purpose of purchasing a schoolhouse site, erecting a new school building, and furnishing the building; and

**Whereas**, at the regular School Board meeting held June 23, 1950, a motion was made by Board member Marvin Landwehr to accept the results of the bond election and Board member Fred Ketterer seconded the motion; and

**Whereas**, the provisions for the construction of Gerald Elementary School would not have been possible without the unparalleled guidance of County Superintendent O.E. Burke, Treasurer T.H. Vossbrink, District Clerk George H. Koppelman, Jr., Principal Artie Weeks, and School Board President Elmer H. Haase, Vice President Edwin Idel, and members Fred Ketterer, William Poeppelmeyer, Marvin Landwehr, George H. Koppelman, Jr., and Elmer Westermann; and

**Whereas**, motions were then made to purchase the Charles Bogart tract for the school site and to hire Mr. Ansel Briggs to supervise the construction of the new school, which opened its doors on September 17, 1951, and was dedicated on February 22, 1952; and

**Whereas**, Gerald Elementary School continues a proud tradition of excellence by providing quality education under the outstanding leadership of Principal Susan L. Crumby, who is to be commended for the integral role she has played in the success of her students, her staff, and her school:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the students, faculty, and staff at Gerald Elementary School as they proudly celebrate this momentous occasion in their rich history; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gerald Elementary School in Gerald, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jim Froelker  
District No. 111

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 553, adopted March 5, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

